



Northern Rockies Coordinating Group

Federal, State, and Local Government Agencies Working Together In Emergency Response Management

Board of Directors Conference Call Agenda

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Participants:

Board Members

Deputies and Others

Purpose: This is a public meeting for the purpose of conducting government business.

Contracting Updates:

- NRCG Letter – Use of Privately Owned Equipment on Incidents – Tim Murphy
 - Letter is the result of several concerns heard from contractors, and in AAR's. Will also put better direction in Business Management Handbook.
Q: How widespread?
A: Tim has received a dozen plus comments from contractors claiming to have been put in situations where they did not feel they were qualified.
Q: What is the issue? Was there adequate supervision and still uncomfortable with the assignment?
A: Some equipment operators received instructions in the morning and never had anyone with them from then on. Left alone to make decisions. Support water tenders were being used as tactical water tenders/engines.
 - **Edits to Tim by Friday, October 20, 2017.**
 - Will be meeting with the companies AAR Task Force, where it is headed in the future. NRTC Saturday November 4th at 1000.
 - Auditing medical equipment, finding issues with that. Then doing spot audits on the other contracting equipment.

Predictive Services Update:

- Red Flag warnings for northern 2/3 of Montana and high wind warnings. Thursday will also be a critical day, but less winds. Another Front will blast through on Friday, might have showers in front and behind. Another high wind event will be coming in Sunday. Northern California will get a little shot of moisture next week, then returning to hot and dry.
- Northern Rockies has had a quiet month. Supporting California with 11 crews. Smattering of aircraft and overhead positions.
 - Would the board like NRCC to start sending out out-of-area.

National, NR, and Operational Updates:

- Hurricane support is winding down.
- California started winding up. Holding steady at PL3 Nationally.
- Developing talking points for "Only the Brave" movie release.

Follow up on Old Business:

- Cost Share Concurrence –
 - Bryce Rogers and Steve Heppner both gave concurrence on cost share agreement.

New Business:

- NRCG Fall Meeting Agenda Review Comments
 - AAR and recommendations on the first day

Round Robin – Updates from Agency Participants

BIA NW -

BIA GP -

BIA RM -

BLM – Northern Rockies Operations Positions - Had 14 applicants, 8 interviewed. Have narrowed down to the top 3 to re-interview this week. Hope to have selection next week.

Mike Granger/FWS – Attended ops committee meeting in Helena. Issue with shortage of paramedics and safety officer positions was a standout issue. They will be putting out a white paper for NRCG review.

IDL

MT DES -

MT DNRC

Montana State Fire Chiefs

Montana Fire Wardens

MT Peace Officers

ND FS

NPS – Hoping to have an FLA to share on Sperry Chalet for fall meeting.

USFS – Asking for input on National Ops Committee Meeting. Will send out the agenda for input. AFD will be having a meeting tomorrow to put together a plan for facilities, etc.

The next scheduled NRCG Meeting is November 13 – 17, 2017